

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

II. Disposition of the Claims.

Claims 1-102 were pending in this application. Claims 13-17, 33, 34, 46-52, 61-86 and 89-102 have been withdrawn from consideration. In the Final Office Action dated March 3, 2008 ("Office Action") the Examiner rejected claims 1-12, 18, 19, 24, 35-45, 53-56, 87 and 88 and objected to claims 20-23, 25-32, and 57-59 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, the Applicants amended independent claims 1 and 35 to recite the limitations of allowable claims 25 and 57 respectively and removed the limitation that a pulsating fluid flow is generated through the exit port.

In an Advisory Action dated May 8, 2008 ("Advisory Action"), the Examiner stated that "[t]he cancelled subject matter causes the claim to broaden" therefore raising new issues. Advisory Action, at 2. The Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if the cancelled subject matter is added back to the claims. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 35 have been amended herein to state that a pulsating fluid flow is generated through the exit port. Therefore, independent claims 1 and 35 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 2-12, 18, 19, 21-24, 26-32, 36-45, 53-56 and 58-59 depend from independent claims 1 and 35 and are allowable for at least the same reasons. Therefore, the applicants respectfully request a withdrawal of these rejections.

III. No Waiver

All of Applicants' arguments and amendments are without prejudice or disclaimer. By not responding to additional statements made by the Examiner, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's additional statements, such as, for example, any statements relating to what would be obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. Applicants further submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefore, and direct that any fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0398.

Respectfully submitted,

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